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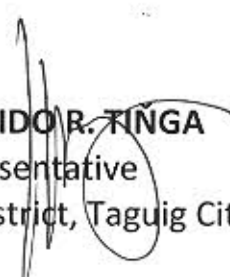
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The structure of every government makes the presence of a mechanism to settle disputes a must. Thus, Section 1, Article VII of the Constitution provides that “the judicial power shall be vested in one Supreme Court and in such lower courts as may be established by law.” Then and now, our judicial system remains the core of every existing community.

Today, the City of Taguig is known as the gateway of the south, fully developed and highly urbanized. The influx of business and in-migration of urban settlers have caused an increase in the number of disputes to be resolved, including criminal and civil cases. Meanwhile, other legal matters awaiting judicial determination have been pending and continue to rise, bringing about problems in matters of litigation.

The delay in the administration of justice consequently denies an accused the constitutional right to a speedy trial. To address these concerns, this bill creates ten (10) Regional Trial Courts for the City of Taguig to effectively and swiftly serve the needs of litigants whose lives halt to due to the attention needed in the trial of their cases.

Thus, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

CREATING TEN (10) BRANCHES FOR THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF TAGUIG, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (d) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as The Judiciary Reorganization Act, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"(d) [Two hundred seventy six] TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE Regional Trial Judges shall be commissioned for the National Capital Judicial Region. There shall be:

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“[One Hundred two] ONE HUNDRED NINE branches for the municipalities of Navotas, [Malabon,] AND PATEROS AND THE CITIES OF San Juan, Mandaluyong, Makati, Pasig [Pateros,], Taguig, Marikina, Paranaque, Las Pinas, and Muntinlupa, with fifty-eight seated in Makati CITY, thirty-four seated in Pasig CITY, TEN SEATED IN TAGUIG CITY, two seated in Marikina CITY, five in Malabon CITY, one in Paranaque CITY, one in Las Pinas CITY, and one in Muntinlupa CITY, and

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SECTION 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in the Court’s program the operation of ten (10) branches of the Regional Trial Court of Metro Manila to be stationed at Taguig City, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,